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TITLE: USE AND SCREENING METHOD FOR AN ABERRANT GENE
PRODUCT OPERATING SUBSTANCE

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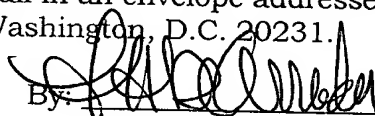
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2000, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

14. (amended) A method of screening substances for a substance capable of causing [operating] an aberrant [gene product] receptor to operate in a manner similar to a non-aberrant receptor comprising bringing [a] an aberrant [gene product] receptor into contact with a subject substance and assaying the operation activity of said substance on said [product] receptor.